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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Appeal from Executive Director-Comptroller's
Decision on a Request for Clearance to
Publish an Article on Western EuropeREFERENCE: Memorandum for Director of Research and Reports
from Executive Director-Comptroller, dated
23 September 1965 -- ER 65-5058/2 (attached) *F: ORR*

1. This memorandum appeals the referenced decision of the Executive Director-Comptroller disapproving the unclassified publication of an article entitled [redacted]

[redacted] This article, written by [redacted] of ORR was to be submitted to the [redacted]

[redacted] Action is recommended in paragraph 5.

2. We also have some concern regarding possible changes in the Agency's publication policy. I understand that [redacted] is currently drafting a CIA regulation and that, appropriately, he has consulted with a number of individuals in the DD/I. They have provided [redacted] with much more detailed information than I will set forth in this memorandum. We feel strongly that any new policy should be more permissive rather than restrictive, particularly with respect to the conditions under which independent research can be published by overt professional employees of the Agency. All of our experience in dealing with academic officials over the past 12 years points to the great importance which is attached to right of publication. We cannot expect to attract the better students from the universities or to elicit the full support of prominent experts in the academic community if we severely circumscribe the right of our professional employees to publish in professional journals, as do their colleagues in other Government departments and in the academic world. The present policy of the Director in attempting to develop closer relationships with outside experts in industry, and particularly in universities, will be weakened significantly if the Agency adopts a "hard line" on outside publication. Inasmuch as any new publication policy will affect the DD/I perhaps more than any other Directorate, I trust that I will have an opportunity to review the draft before it is issued as an Agency regulation.

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3. Turning to the specific case which has prompted this appeal, the grounds on which refusal to publish was decided were twofold: (1) [] is well known as a CIA employee; and (2) the subject matter involved touches on U.S. policy, and is a matter of international debate. We would counter with the fact that the conclusions of the proposed article are completely consistent with the views of this and the previous Administration, and that the article merely bolsters these views with a recitation of some of the more important facts of Western Europe's economic life. A further point in contention is that the material on which clearance was asked was taken largely from a classified ORR report. This is true, but the classified report, in turn, was prepared from an open source analysis which was given as a lecture in a seminar at George Washington University by the author last summer. The reason for the classification as an Agency report was the inclusion of certain additional information which was later removed from the copy submitted for clearance.

4. Certainly, there is some small risk in any open publication policy but we see a world of difference between engaging in public controversy and writing up the results of independent research for professional journals. Further, our experience convinces us that the advantages to be gained from overt publication outweigh the small risks of conceivable publicity.

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5. We believe it is in the best long run interest of the Agency to continue with a policy of permitting publication in professional journals when the use of classified materials clearly is not involved and when there is no significant risk of adverse publicity. I believe [] article meets these criteria and request that permission be granted for publication.

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Enclosure:

Reference Memorandum

cc: Executive Director-Comptroller
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